

UNDERWRITERS BACK PROBE IN RISK SITUATION

Offer to Aid Governor in Proposed Insurance House Cleaning

COUNCILS MAY SOON ACT

Interested in the Alleged Gambling on Deaths of Policemen

The Philadelphia Association of Life Underwriters is ready to throw the whole power of its organization behind Governor Brumbaugh if he undertakes an insurance investigation with the view of bettering conditions.

Frank D. Buser, chairman of the association's publicity committee, says the association will be glad to back an insurance house cleaning in Pennsylvania.

The Underwriters' Association has high standards, based upon those set by Charles Evans Hughes when he made New York State wash itself clean of insurance bacteria. As Mr. Buser said:

Such a company as the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company could not get membership in our association. We would not have it.

The Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, as almost every one knows by this time, is the company that Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil is determined to make come up to mark.

The receivership hearing in its case will be held in Harrisburg December 18, and Mr. O'Neil thinks the report of the company's own actuary ought to be reason enough to cause a receiver to be named.

His president is Lyndon D. Wood, who has been much in the public eye lately because of his other connections, notably his power in the Union Casualty Company, although he is no officer; in the Consolidated Investment Company, although he is no officer, and also his connection with the police insurance mystery, which touches him as president of the Pension Mutual.

It is the Pension Mutual that has been carrying the insurance for policemen in the Police Beneficiary Association.

The Underwriters' Association is interested in airing all that the public has come to question in the insurance field. Said Mr. Buser:

We want the State to fix the situation so that when an insurance agent of any company whatsoever calls on a man that man will know who he is talking to an absolutely accredited representative of an insurance company which is reputable beyond a doubt, because the State has placed its "O. K." on it.

There ought to be no more doubt by a policy holder about the company with which he insures than there is by a depositor about the national bank which carries his account. The Underwriters' Association will be tickled to death to help the Governor or the insurance commission bring about this condition.

From the interest aroused in the insurance situation since the police scandal became known, it is expected that there will be a great deal said when the city fathers meet on December 7 to consider Councilman I. Walter Thompson's resolution to investigate the affairs of the Police Beneficiary Association as they are linked up with the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company.

As he pertinently put it, he wants to know who is making money out of the deaths of Philadelphia's policemen?

His resolution to have a committee of five councilmen investigate the situation comes up Thursday. The Mayor's interest was evinced yesterday when he summoned Lyndon D. Wood for a conference, which was intended to disclose the name of the "unknown philanthropist."

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RUSSO-RUMANIANS HALT DRIVE OF MACKENSEN; FALKENHAYN GAINS; ALLIES SHELL ATHENS

Teutons Checked South of Bucharest. Slavs Regain Western Part of Cernavoda Bridge—Germans Advance in Wallachia

Czar's Forces Push Furious Assaults in Carpathians and on Stokhod—Berlin Reports Capture of 6000 Prisoners—Armistice Between Greeks and Entente Commander Fails

Will Bucharest be saved? This is the question forced to the front by today's dispatches from Petrograd and Berlin.

The Petrograd War Office reports that Russo-Rumanian troops are successfully resisting the pressure of the Austro-German armies toward the Rumanian capital. The Russian War Office states that all Teuton attacks in the fighting south of the Rumanian capital have been beaten back, the villages of Komana and Gostinari recaptured and the western part of the famous Cernavoda bridge retaken by the troops of General Sakharoff. The Russians are attacking with great fury all along the Carpathian front, in Transylvania and in the Dobruja.

The German War Office announces that all Russian assaults in the Carpathians have failed and that more than 6000 prisoners have been captured by the Germans since yesterday. The defeat of the Rumanian army southeast of Pitesci, in Wallachia, is also announced. A great battle on Field Marshal von Mackensen's front, south of Bucharest, is now in progress, Berlin says. In addition to their assaults on the Rumanian and Carpathian fronts the Russians are attacking on the Stokhod. The attacks there, according to Berlin, have also failed.

The armistice reported to have been reached between the Greek Government and Admiral du Fournet, the Allied commander, as a result of the controversy which has arisen from the refusal of Greece to surrender Greek arms and ammunition to the Allies has failed, according to latest dispatches received in London from Athens. Fighting has been renewed on the hills south of Athens, according to the dispatches. The Allied fleet is also reported to have fired in the direction of the hills, with two shells falling in the center of Athens.

The total number of casualties as a result of encounters between French troops and Greek reservists are estimated at 200.

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VARE ANSWERS PENROSE BLOW AIMED AT COX

U. S. Senator, Backing Baldwin for Speaker, Attacks Contractor Rule

RIDICULED AS PROPHET

Penrose and Vare Shots in Speakership Contest

SENATOR PENROSE "BALDWIN is the natural choice of Republican leaders and he will continue in the fight without compromise until the finish."

"Neither can promise of appointments and the use of patronage, which in the case of a Legislator verges upon bribery, change the purpose of Legislators in what they think is right."

SENATOR VARE "Penrose is simply injecting himself into a matter which could be well handled by others."

"In backing Baldwin, Penrose is simply following his policy, registered by him at Washington, that in favor of working children by the side of adults."

"Penrose and McNichol have been conferring daily for weeks on this question, which shows that Penrose is opposed only to one contractor."

Political shots at long range between Senator Penrose and State Senator Vare are the latest developments in the Baldwin-Cox fight for the speakership of the next State House of Representatives. Penrose denounced the contractor rule in this city and "its entailing scandal" and predicted certain victory for Representative Baldwin.

"There will be no compromise," he said. Senator Vare, in reply, came to the defense of the "legitimate contractors," and intimated that Penrose himself "might be found to be a silent partner in the contracting business."

Mr. Vare said the people of the city and State had voiced no complaint against contractors taking part in politics. In reply to the Penrose claim that Baldwin would be selected Speaker, Mr. Vare took a final fling, pointing to the failure of Mr. Penrose's pre-election predictions.

"Penrose and McNichol," said the Senator, "have been conferring daily for weeks on the speakership question, which shows that Penrose is opposed to only one contractor."

In his statement Senator Penrose declared he and his friends would support Baldwin to the end, "without compromise," and that attempts at coercion would fail to sway the Representatives from their conception of right. He said report from all over the State convinced him Baldwin would be elected and that it was only right that the speakership should go to a county outside of Philadelphia, in view of the fact that Philadelphia has a preponderance of State offices.

"Moreover," continued the Senator's statement in this connection, "the prominence of contractor leadership in the so-called Republican Organization in Philadelphia, with the frequent scandals which have been attached thereto in the past and are flagrant at the present time, has been and is the subject of adverse criticism and reproach among the patriotic Republicans throughout the State, and in fact in the nation at large."

STATEMENT BY PENROSE The Senator's statement following a conference held with leaders of the Penrose-McNichol faction of the Organization in his office. In part it is as follows: After hearing from all over the State

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QUICK NEWS

CONDEMNED MURDERER GETS RESPITE

HARRISBURG, Dec. 2.—Governor Brumbaugh today granted Junius Alston, of Chester County, sentenced to die for murder during the week of December 11, a respite until the week of January 15. Alston's case was before the pardon board last month and was held under advisement.

SWISS-ITALIAN FRONTIER SEALED BY CADORNA

BERNE, Dec. 2.—The Swiss-Italian frontier has been sealed by the Italian military authorities. (The foregoing evidently means that extensive troop movements are under way by the Italians. The border was closed to mask the enterprise. It is believed that Italy is preparing for another powerful offensive thrust. Any move at this time must be considered as a joint movement with Russia to help save Rumania.)

ONE DEAD, FIVE HURT, IN CRASH

This car, containing six persons, struck a telegraph pole in Nicetown lane near Kensington avenue last night, as a result of which Charles Weber, of 139 East Wishart street, is dead, and five other persons, including Weber's wife, were severely injured.

\$70,000 STEEL BRIDGE FOR MARGIE STREET CROSSING

A new \$70,000 bridge, of steel and concrete and with a 162-foot span, will replace the old Margie street bridge crossing the tracks of the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, familiar to the thousands who have attended baseball games at Shibe Park. Bids have been received and the contract will be awarded by Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works. The city will bear one-fourth of the cost.

THREE YEARS' INTERNAL REVENUE HERE \$50,000,000

More than \$50,000,000 in collections have been received by Ephraim Lederer, Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Pennsylvania, since December 1, 1913, the date of his appointment. Receipts in November, 1916, totaled \$1,051,775.59, an increase of \$25,546.26 over November, 1915, and making the total amount \$50,463,570.83.

HOUSE COMMITTEE COMPLETES \$39,000,000 BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The House Appropriations Committee today completed the first of the fourteen big appropriation bills which Congress must pass through at the coming session—the legislative, executive and judicial supply bill. This measure, which carries some \$39,000,000 to pay Government employees, will be reported to the House for action either Monday or Tuesday.

EX-PROFESSOR AT HAVERFORD ON TORPEDOED SHIP

Prof. T. Rendel Harris, formerly of Haverford College and Johns Hopkins University, was among the passengers of the steamship City of Birmingham, which was torpedoed recently by a U-boat. All the passengers have been reported saved. Doctor Harris is a noted New Testament scholar. He taught biblical literature and Oriental languages at Haverford from 1886 to 1892.

WELSH MINERS GET 15 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Government today granted demands of South Wales miners for a fifteen per cent increase in wages. The decision follows announcement of "nationalization" of the mines and operation by a Government commission.

CARRANZA OUTLINES HIS NEW CONSTITUTION

QUERETARO, Mex., Dec. 2.—First Chief Carranza outlined today to the 252 delegates to Mexico's first Liberal Congress the terms of Mexico's new Constitution. As detailed by the Provisional President, the new instrument will contain reforms in labor and divorce laws and that of equal rights for all foreigners, and, lastly and most important, utter abolition of class privileges. The proposed Constitution adheres closely to the famous declaration of Juarez.

ARCHBOLD'S CONDITION BETTER; OIL MAN MAY LIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Reports today from the bedside of John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, stated he was improved and holding the slight gain he had made yesterday. A corps of doctors and nurses are in attendance.

WILSON OFF TO ILLUMINATE LIBERTY STATUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—President Wilson left at 10 o'clock today for New York, where he will flash the signal from his yacht, the Mayflower, for the illumination of the Statue of Liberty tonight. Mrs. Wilson, Secretary Tumulty, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the White House physician, and two stenographers completed the President's party. The President's train is due to arrive at 3:15 p. m.

CONDENSING COMPANY PAYS MORE FOR MILK

WELLSBORO, Pa., Dec. 2.—Because of the unprecedented demand for condensed milk products, the Helvetia Milk Condensing Company, of Highland, Ill., which owns three of the largest condenseries in the East, all in Ploga County, one at Wellsboro, one at Westfield and one at Elkland, has advanced the price paid to producers from \$2.10 to \$2.45 per 100 pounds. The January, 1916, price was \$1.95.

GOVERNOR OF SERBIA AND SOLDIERS DIE IN WRECK

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Sixty-six persons, a majority of them soldiers, have been killed in a railway accident at Herzogsdorf. The injured numbered 150, sixty of them being hurt seriously. Ludwig von Thallozy, a member of the Austrian diplomatic corps, and the Governor of Serbia were among those killed. They were returning to Budapest from Vienna, where they had attended the funeral of Emperor Francis Joseph.

MORE WHISKY THAN BEER IN LANCASTER DISTRICT

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 2.—The revenue receipts for November were a trifle less than last month. Cigars furnished \$209,886.81, and whiskey passed beer for the first time in many months. The receipts from whiskey were \$34,885.97 and from beer \$31,000. Ninth revenue district residents drink but little wine, the receipts being only \$64.42.

DIXON AFTER DEFILERS OF CITY'S WATER

With Corps of Health Inspectors He Tours Manayunk

DANGER LURKING IN RIVER SUPPLY

Mills Will Be Compelled to Close if Found Responsible

SODA IN PAPER PRODUCT

First Moves in Drive on Polluters of Water

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, and corps of State health inspectors is today touring Manayunk manufacturing plants and searching for water polluters.

Waste discharge from the plants of the Martin & William H. Nixon Company, the Philadelphia Paper Company, and the Collins & Aikman Company are being investigated.

Doctor Dixon says that these discharges contain soda, which, if expelled in sufficient quantities into Schuylkill, will irritate intestinal tracts of West Philadelphia water users. Plants of Manayunk steel and iron mills are being inspected.

To search for evidence of pollution of the Schuylkill by manufacturing plants, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, and a corps of State health inspectors are today making a rigid inspection of the river-front mills in Manayunk.

Doctor Dixon says that he is convinced that the strong chemical odor and taste of the city water supplied by the Schuylkill are not due entirely to gas generated by decaying micro-organisms, but are in a large measure caused by waste discharge from Manayunk mills. It is probable that any mills found evading the law will be shut down.

Doctor Dixon is giving especial attention to the plants of the Martin & William H. Nixon Paper Manufacturing Company, the Philadelphia Paper Company, Collins & Aikman Paper Company and to the steel and iron mills along the Manayunk river front.

From the plant of the Martin & William H. Nixon Company a great volume of milk-colored water pours into the Schuylkill, coloring the river to a width of about thirty feet and making the water appear milk-white for a distance of more than 150 yards downstream. This milk-white torrent gushes throughout the day from a large discharge pipe into the Schuylkill, which furnishes the water supply of more than 500,000 of Philadelphia's population. A great stream of steaming water gushes from a pipe opposite the plant of Collins & Aikman Company. For fifty yards or more along the Schuylkill opposite the Collins & Aikman plant near the point where the steaming water enters the river the rocks and shore are covered with a thick, dirty scum. Even the water along the shore is overlaid with this substance, which is a sort of dirty white in color. Another stream of dirty-looking water pours into the river from the plant of the Philadelphia Paper Company.

HARMLESS, PAPERMAKER SAYS When a representative of the EVENING LEADER asked the superintendent of the plant of Martin & William H. Nixon the nature of the substance which made the stream pouring from their plant milk white, he replied:

"It is nothing but clay, which we use in the manufacture of paper. It is perfectly harmless. In fact, I believe that it would have a tendency to purify the river rather than pollute."

He escorted the reporter to a warehouse

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HOW LONG IS LEGAL KISS? EQUAL SUFFRAGISTS KNOW

League Adds Knowledge of State Regulative Statutes to its Fund of Information

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. State statutes regulative of ecclesiastical demonstrations have been added to the fund of knowledge being gathered by the Equal Suffrage League. Hubert says that's what it means.

Ladies have learned how long is a legal kiss. They know it is eight feet, no more, in Pennsylvania; ten feet in Ohio and Kansas. In most other States with no statutes made and provided the common law determines.

These important facts were obtained from W. Stephen Bush, who lectured to the ladies on movie censorship.

Personally, Bush believed the regulations are too strict.

TEARS UP HIS MONEY; POLICE SEIZE SCRAPS

Liquor Gives Notion He's Millionaire. Some Fragments Lost; Rest Go For Fine

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2.—For the first time the Baltimore police department accounted for money as payment for a fine today, when Robert Richards, twenty-four years old, of Harrisburg, Pa., was fined \$5 and costs by Magistrate Packard on a charge of being intoxicated.

Richards started for Baltimore to purchase clothes, but drinks caused him to lose his money, he was a millionaire. On the train he tore up his money and threw it away. Most of the bills went out the window. Some of the pieces, however, fell on the floor and were placed by the conductor in Richards' pockets. These pieces were picked together at the police station, where it was found that only two complete bills were left—\$5 and \$1. Richards' wife and were released.

FIRE RAZES BREAKER, MAKING 800 JOBLESS

\$160,000 Structure of Delaware and Hudson Railway at Larksville Destroyed

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 2.—The No. 3 breaker of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, at Larksville, was destroyed by fire today. Eight hundred men and boys are idle, and it will take several months to rebuild the breaker.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Not until the upper part of the breaker was enveloped in flames was the fire discovered. Whistles were tied down and calls went to all nearby fire departments, but help came too late.

The building, erected fifteen years ago, was one of the biggest breakers in the valley. It was of wood, with sidings of sheet metal. The loss is about \$160,000.

Motorist Abandons Old Victim

PALMYRA, N. J., Dec. 2.—M. J. Trautman, seventy-one years old, was knocked from his bicycle by an automobile. His wheel was demolished and his nose so crushed that it will be necessary to remove the bone. The occupant of the car stopped, but offered no assistance.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair weather and moderate temperatures tonight and Sunday with local tonight about 35 degrees; gentle westerly winds becoming light and variable.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun sets... 7:24 p. m. Moon sets... 6:28 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water... 1:28 p. m. Low water... 7:52 p. m.

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GIRL WHO THREATENED WILLIAMS HELD IN BAIL

Given Into Care of Family. Penn Football Coach Refuses Comment

Miss Jeannette Saxe, the twenty-two-year-old girl who was arrested for threatening Dr. Carl S. Williams, former University of Pennsylvania football star and head coach, was released today under \$300 bail for court in the care of relatives and taken to her home, 2214 North Woodstock street.

Friends of Doctor Williams declared that the girl was suffering from hallucinations, imagining a grievance against the physician. Doctor Williams asked to be excused from commenting on the case.

Miss Dora Saxe, elder sister of the girl, expressed indignation today that her sister had been arrested on a warrant sworn out by Doctor Williams. Her sister, she declared, had been forced to undergo treatment for nervous trouble at the Orthopedic Hospital after a visit to Doctor Williams' office. The two young women emigrated from Russia five years ago.

The arrest followed an interview between Miss Saxe and Samuel Englander, an attorney. The young woman visited the lawyer in his office a few days ago and, according to the police, wanted him to bring action against Doctor Williams. Mr. Englander was started when Miss Saxe suddenly asked this question:

"Suppose I took a gun and killed this man? Could I not appeal to the unwritten law and get freed? Would that not be considered just?"

The lawyer immediately told the police and refused to have anything to do with her case. Virtually the same thing had happened when she visited and questioned such lawyers as John G. Johnson, John R. K. Scott and Congressman George Graham on the matter, the police said. Each in his turn had refused to have her as a client.

Doctor Williams testified that he had many times received warnings from lawyers that Miss Saxe had threatened to do him bodily harm.

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ONE KILLED, ONE DYING; AUTO RUNS INTO POLE

Man and Boy Victims of Nicetown Lane Crash—Three Others Hurt

Charles Weber, Jr., thirty years old, of 189 West Wishart street, is dead, Ernest Kurtz, Jr., five years old, of 223 West Wishart street, is dying, and three other persons are suffering from severe injuries as a result of a collision of an automobile in which they were riding last night with a telephone pole on Nicetown lane east of Kensington avenue.

Norwood C. Cummings, of Camden, driver of the car, escaped injury. He was arraigned before Magistrate Wrigley in the Belgrade and Clearfield streets police court today and held in \$1500 bail to await action of the coroner.

With Weber when the accident occurred were his wife, Mrs. Mamie Weber, thirty years old; Ernest Kurtz, twenty-four years old, the father of the boy who is dying; Ernest Kurtz, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Kurtz and Cummings, the driver.

They had started on an evening's drive and were going east on Nicetown lane when they came to a pile of sand near Kensington avenue. Weber cautioned Cummings about the sand pile, Cummings said, and in trying to avoid it, the automobile struck a steel hole. Cummings lost control of the steering wheel and the car crashed into the pole.

Policeman Conn. of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station, sent the injured persons to the Frankford Hospital. Then he arrested Cummings, who had escaped injury by holding to the steering wheel and jumping clear of the wreck.

Both Weber and the Kurtz boy suffered fractures of the skull; Ernest Kurtz, father of the boy, received severe cuts and bruises; Mrs. Weber's jaw was broken and Mrs. Kurtz has internal injuries.

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FANATIC HAS GORY PLAN TO END WOES OF WORLD

Wild Looking, Bewhiskered, Armed With Knife, He Terrorizes Terminal Crowd

A wild-looking man, with long whiskers and straggling hair, chased a number of passengers around the Reading Terminal this afternoon and caused a temporary panic. When he was finally overpowered by Reserve Policeman Horan he said he was going to Washington to kill President Wilson and settle the troubles of the world.

A long carving knife was found in his coat pocket, but he showed no resistance when it was taken from him. At City Hall the stranger gave his name as George Krause.

When examined by Police Surgeon John Wanamaker, 3d, Krause told him that he intended to settle the high cost of living and had a plan to settle the war in Europe and other troubles in different parts of the world.

Doctor Wanamaker promised to take Krause before the American Ambassador, but while waiting the latter's arrival, escorted him to the Philadelphia Hospital.

FALSE SKIRT SHOPLIFTING AID

Detectives Allege New Trick in Charge Against Two Women

False skirts operated by a string in such a way that a shoplifter may hide her stolen goods very quickly and effectively are said to have been worn by Katie Polosky and Mary Drecksoski, who were charged with stealing furs valued at \$115 from a downtown department store yesterday.

Detectives Engel and Anna Richards told Magistrate Boston today that the two women had supplied the shoplifter's abaid with a false skirt. The women were held for a hearing in \$400 bail each.